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## WASHINGTON OPPOSITION FRETS AT COLQUITT TO VILLA COLQUITT MELTING

HIS OFFER OF A THOUSAND DOLLARS REWARD FOR SLAYERS OF VERGARA CAUSES WORRY AT CAPITAL — INTERNATIONAL COMPLICATIONS FEARED.

[By Associated Press]

Washington, March 24.—Governor Colquitt's reward of one thousand dollars for the delivery on Texas soil of the five Mexicans suspected of the murder of Clemente Vergara, is causing the State and War Department officials serious concern on account of the fact that his position may cause international complications. The Mexicans are Apolonio Rodriguez, Nito Ceara, Juan Castillon, Reas Rodriguez and Dinomiso Martinez. Governor Colquitt's right to offer the reward is not questioned, but it is feared in this case it may lead to an attempt to kidnap the Mexicans and bring them into Texas, which would violate the treaty between the United States and Mexico, giving the Mexicans right to demand punishment for the kidnapers.

Further reports from Del Rio, where the Mexican Federals fired across the Rio Grande on American troops, say more than five hundred shots were fired at the Americans on this side.

Colquitt Not Worried.

[By Associated Press]

Austin, Tex., March 24.—Governor Colquitt said today: "I am not worried over Washington's troubles." He declined to further discuss the reward incident.

## SOLDIERS CLASH WITH STRIKERS

Blood Flowed When Soldiers Charged Strikers and Sympathizers With Bayonets.

[By Associated Press]

Depew, N. Y., March 24.—One man was wounded today when soldiers charged the strikers and their sympathizers with bayonets. The troops had just arrived at the plant of the Gould Coupler Works, where the deputies yesterday failed to stop rioting. Street car motormen and conductors' refusal to work on cars carrying troops to Depew delayed the soldiers' arrival.

CONSTITUTIONALIST COMMANDER AND HIS ARMY SLOWLY EATING THEIR WAY INTO THE STRONGHOLD OF TORREON—FEDERALS DRIVEN BACK.

[By Associated Press]

El Verjel, Durango, Mexico, March 23.—The rebel cavalry led yesterday's charge on the mountain of Cerro de la Pilar, where the first important fight occurred in Villa's advance on Torreon. This mountain guarded Gomez Palacio, where the Federals made their first stand, and where heavy fighting with hundreds of wounded continued until late last night. The Federals mounted artillery on the mountain. The rebels rushed the mountain, capturing a water tank near its summit in a few minutes, thereby gaining apparent control of the mountain. The Federals finally were forced back from Gomez Palacio, but were not routed, the Federals retiring in good order.

Advancing on Torreon.

[By Associated Press]

Juarez, Mexico, March 24.—Gomez Palacio was in the rebels' hands today, according to information from the office of General Chao here. General Benavides, leading the Zaragosa brigade, is advancing on Torreon itself. No statement of the casualties in the desperate street fighting at Gomez Palacio last night was available.

Villa Victory Confirmed.

[By Associated Press]

Juarez, Mexico, March 24.—A telegram from Villa, ordering that supplies be sent direct to Gomez Palacio, received here, is taken as confirmation of his victory. Benavides is reported as advancing on Torreon from the east after the cutting of the railroad to Saltillo. His column would therefore strike Torreon from a different direction than Villa's main attack, which has already penetrated to Gomez Palacio. Some reports here indicate a large portion of the Torreon Federal garrison was engaged in the unsuccessful Gomez Palacio fight.

## BURLESON TO WORK ROADS BY CONTRACT

Road Gangs and Stock Feed Too Expensive to Be Maintained.

The commissioners' court met Monday for the purpose of tussling with the road proposition. For some time past it has been evident to the commissioners that the present system of working the public roads is a very unsatisfactory, expensive and unprofitable one. First the convicts were dropped from the roads and turned back to the convict farm, because convicts proved to be more expensive than hired labor. Then it was found that the road gangs, bosses, cooks, etc., were too expensive. There were forty mules to be fed, besides the expense of feeding the road hands, some thirty in number.

There were many times that road work could not be done on account of the weather, while the enormous expense went on all the time without intermission. The court decided that it is best to abolish the present system and let the work out by contract, so they have called in forty mules belonging to the county, and they are for sale.

The superintendents are not needed and the road hands have dispersed. Hereafter when there are bad places in a road necessary to be fixed, the job of fixing it will be let out by contract. When bridges are to be repaired, it will be done by contract. This is deemed by far the cheaper and better plan. The county will no longer have to buy feed for forty mules whether idle or at work.—Burleson County Ledger.

## LENTEN LIST

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## U. S. BULLETS SIZZ ACROSS RIO GRANDE

Cavalrymen Return Fire of Mexican Federals After Three of Their Horses Were Shot Down.

Eagle Pass, Tex., March 24.—Mexican Federal soldiers who attempted to pursue with rifle bullets a defeated Constitutional force escaping to the United States and safety met sharp resistance Sunday from United States cavalry on border patrol above Del Rio, Texas.

When three horses held by the American troopers had been shot down, the Americans returned the fire across the Rio Grande, and after the international conflict the Mexicans withdrew, bearing with them dead and wounded.

No American was hurt.

Cavalry Rushed to Border.

Official reports of the occurrence to Colonel Sibley, commanding Fort Clark here, caused orders for all available cavalry of the border patrol to proceed to Del Rio. One troop and a machine gun platoon left Eagle Pass yesterday. Another engagement between Mexican Federals and Constitutionalists is expected tomorrow in the same territory.

The clash across the international line was precipitated, according to official reports to headquarters here yesterday, by persistent firing of the Federals at the fleeing Constitutionalists, who had gained American territory and surrendered to United States troops.

Ordered Americans to Fire.

For ten minutes Captain Winterburn of Troop E, Fourteenth Cavalry,

signaled to the Federals to cease firing, but reported that his signals were disregarded and his own men were in danger. He then ordered the Americans to fire, and a sharp fusillade resulted, lasting for about five minutes.

Constitutionalists, defeated yesterday morning, were a scouting party led into a trap by the Federals, who earlier in the day had captured Las Vacas, opposite Del Rio. They abandoned the town, but returned suddenly to attack the rebel scouts. About forty-five Constitutionalists were cut off by 300 Federals at McKees crossing on the Rio Grande, where the rebels put up a stubborn resistance until overpowered by numbers. They then began retreating across the river to the American side, where Captain Winterburn's detachment of fifteen cavalrymen was on duty to preserve neutrality.

Washington Approves.

Washington, March 24.—Frank approval of the action of the American troopers who returned the fire of Mexican Federals at Del Rio yesterday was expressed here today in official circles. News of the incident was received at the War Department as an incident of border patrol work, and created no great stir. Army reports told of the exchange of shots and announced that twenty-nine Constitutionalists had been taken in custody, after fifteen had been killed as they fled across the Rio Grande from the Federals. There was no mention, however, of any Federals killed or Americans wounded.

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## FEDERALS SEND REINFORCEMENTS

Troops Withdrawn From Nuevo Laredo to Strengthen Gen. Guadilla.

[By Associated Press]

Laredo, Tex., March 24.—All available Federals were sent last night from Nuevo Laredo as reinforcements to General Guadilla, who on yesterday fought the Constitutionalists near Guerrero. It was reported here the Constitutionalists gained no material advantage.

## ARE LINING UP AGAINST WILSON

Lines Are Forming on the Fight to Repeal the Panama Canal Tolls Acts.

[By Associated Press]

Washington, March 24.—Senator Chamberlain of Oregon today introduced a resolution to pave the way for the repeal of that section of the rivers and harbors act of 1884 which provides that no tolls shall be charged any vessel passing through government canals or other Federal improved waterways. Senator Chamberlain's object is an indirect fight against the Panama tolls repeal.

## GORED TO DEATH BY A BULL

Aged Physician of Bonham Met Death on Ranch Near San Angelo.

[By Associated Press]

San Angelo, Tex., March 24.—Dr. A. H. Moore, a retired physician of Bonham, Texas, aged 72, was gored to death by a bull on a ranch which he was visiting near here, Monday evening.

## ANOTHER TRAGEDY IN VEGARA FAMILY

[By Associated Press]

Laredo, Tex., March 24.—Jesus Vergara, young son of Clemente Vergara, shot and killed his sister-in-law, Juanita Del Rio. He pulled the trigger of a rifle, thinking it was unloaded.

## EMBASSY GETS MACHINE GUNS

[By Associated Press]

Mexico City, March 24.—Two machine guns were delivered to the American Embassy today for use in defense in an emergency.

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